

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
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PUBLIC NOTICE - POSITION VACANCY

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO**

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Texas vice Henry J. Bemporad. The Federal Public Defender will be appointed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. The term of appointment (and reappointment) is four years. The annual salary is \$155,500 with full federal benefits.

The Federal Public Defender, functioning under authority of 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(g)(2)(A) and the Criminal Justice Act Plan for the Western District of Texas provides federal criminal defense services to individuals unable to afford counsel. The authorized staff includes the Federal Public Defender, 49 assistant defenders, 7 research attorneys, 14 investigators, and 52 other support staff. The office is headquartered in San Antonio, with branch offices in Alpine, Austin, Del Rio, and El Paso.

Applicants must possess the following qualifications: (1) membership in good standing in the bar of the state in which admitted to practice; (2) a minimum of five years criminal practice experience, preferably with significant federal criminal trial experience; (3) the ability to administer the office effectively; (4) a reputation for integrity; and (5) a commitment to the representation of those unable to afford counsel. After appointment, the Federal Public Defender may not engage in the private practice of law.

Those interested in applying should write to Gregory A. Nussel, Circuit Executive, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 600 Camp Street, Room 100, New Orleans, LA, 70130, for the selection procedures and an application form. Alternatively, these materials are available at www.ca5.uscourts.gov. **THE DEADLINE FOR FILING COMPLETED APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 18, 2012.**

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